











## HISTORY OF GILEAD.

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### CHAPTER II.

First settlers, their names, and dates of their settlement—with some of their trials and afflicting providences, which they were called to pass through, when but few in number.

Their names were Oliver Peabody, Enoch Messer, and Mr. Pettengill, who was murdered by the brutal Indians, when they passed through the town with Clark and Segar, captives, on their way to Canada. No individual was present to report the sad fate of poor Pettengill. His body remained in its blood, where he fell, till it was in an advanced state of putrefaction. After being discovered by the few inhabitants, they dug a grave near his remains, placed him in it, for the time being. Years afterward his remains were taken up, put in a coffin, and removed to a place located for a Cemetery.

I have no means to give the exact dates of the first settlers; but there are circumstances that warrant me to believe that it was sometime between the years 1770-80.

One circumstance that convinces me that it was about this time is, that in 1781 Indians passed through the town, and killed Pettengill. Another is, that Samuel Messer, said to be the first child born in Gilead, gave me his age, and said he was born in 1781.

Those first settlers were probably induced to go into the wilderness, by a promise from the Proprietors of having their lands free, by doing a settlers duty; and that was, to clear a certain portion of land, build a house and barn; more on as inhabitants; that others might be encouraged to come in, purchase lands and settle the town. In all probability, these first settlers, performed their first labor, some years before they moved their families on. The labors of these first settlers soon passed into other hands. Capt. Joseph Lary, Lieutenant Jonathan Lary and Joseph Lary, Jr., all moved into Gilead in the year 1788-9 and were the successors of those first settlers. David Blake and Enoch Messer, living in the same neighborhood, one on the west side, the other on the east side of Wild River, were the only inhabitants living in Gilead at that time. Several years elapsed before any others moved into the town. The year 1792-3, Thomas Peabody commenced a settlement, where his sons, Thomas and Perseus Peabody now live. He made quite an opening, built a small framed house and barn, and before he was married, hired a Mr. Caesar and wife to labor for him. Unfortunately for them, the wife of Caesar died in her confinement. This disconcerted all their plans. As a kind Providence would have it, Mr. John Bennett, with his wife, moved into the place, and took care for Mr. Peabody till he was married, which was about the year 1795. Near the same time, Mr. John Mason moved into the town, with a wife and three children, where Mr. Moses Mason, his son, now lives.

At this time, the greatest part of the large intervals were taken up on the south side of the river; and settlers began to look with wishful eyes on those large intervals on the north side. In the year 1796 there were no less than seven settlers that purchased a full range of lots each, viz. Elipha Chapman, John Swan, Ephraim Wright, John Bennett, William Lucas, Samuel Wheeler and James Rogers. In 1798 there were three more, that might be called settlers, who commenced felling trees, without legal right, and left. These names—Timothy Bennett, James Wiles and Andrew Gould. All this time every thing appeared to be in a prosperous state. Soon after a sad reverse took place, and their happiness was greatly disturbed by the death of three of the wives of the first settlers: two by consumption, Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Swan, and one in her confinement, Mrs. Lucas. This quite disheartened Swan

and Lucas and soon they closed up their concerns, and left. Mr. Blake thought best to take another wife, and continue where he was. By the suggestion and advice of Capt. Hall of Brunswick, then a mill man and lumber merchant, Blake built a mill on Wild River, and a dam across the same influence, perhaps, more by Hall's judgment than his own. Before he was ready to operate his mill, there came a Wild River freshet, and swept away a part of his dam. Blake, unwilling to give it up, invited his neighbors to render him assistance, to repair his dam, which they did. I was one that went, and continued till the last stick was in its place. After thorough graving, we hoped for the best. But the first winter freshet swept all away! so that it was never repaired again. Blake survived this heavy loss and purchased a lot and mill privilege, now occupied by James Walker, Esq., in Bethel, and built the first mill that was ever erected there. Thus Blake proved himself to be a persevering and enterprising man.

### ITEMS.

A noise was heard in Albany grave yard a few nights since, which, upon investigation, proved to come from a half open grave. A body snatcher had undertaken to remove a body, and the dirt had fallen upon him and confined him so that he could not move, while he had the dead body in his arms. His rescuers gave him his choice of a prosecution or one hundred lashes with a raw hide, and he chose the latter. He took the punishment like a martyr, without making any outcry whatever.

In Philadelphia, on Sunday afternoon, two gangs of ruffians got into a fight, whereupon, as a local paper says, the Mayor "stepped into the crowd and necked a ruffian just as he was raising his arm to hurl a brick-bat." A shower of bricks was thrown at the Mayor, but he was not hurt, while the ringleader of the gang was captured and taken into custody.

At Newark, N. J., on Monday, Mrs. Abby Baldwin, an old lady aged sixty-eight years, fell into a cistern while the rest of the family she lived with were absent, and was drowned.

The police of Northern Ohio recently arrested a farmer named Bluff, residing at Portage, and on his person was found \$220 in counterfeit bills on New York and Philadelphia banks. At his house a full bogus coin manufacturing apparatus was also found. Several persons are implicated with Bluff, some of whom are in custody.

A woman named Susan Davis, ninety years of age, was turned out of doors by her own son on Thursday last, in New York. She was utterly destitute and applied to an acquaintance, who provided her with food and gave her the use of a basement room. On Wednesday morning she was found dead in bed.

A newly appointed constable at Rochester, Michigan, a few days ago, undertook to turn a man out of Court, who, he thought, was interrupting the proceedings. The gentleman quietly withdrew, and the constable soon after was informed that he had turned out the sheriff.

Harry Meigs, who, it will be remembered, swindled the citizens of San Francisco out of half a million of dollars in 1855, is said to be the most successful American financier in Chili. He lives at Santiago, and is reported worth \$2,000,000.

Mary Callan, a little Irish girl 9 years of age, died in Bangor on Monday, from the effects of drinking rum, given her by the neighbors on the occasion of a birth rejoicing.

The floor of the first Catholic Church, in Oswego, N. Y., gave way on the 9th inst., causing considerable consternation among the congregation. In attempting to escape, four or five persons were killed, and several injured.

## Poetry.

### THE DESERTED COTTAGE.

It's lonely and deserted now,  
Although it once was gay;  
For those who made it joyous,  
Like better tho' have passed away.  
Some to their eternal sleep,  
Life's cares and duties done—  
Others have sought another home  
Far toward the setting sun.  
Some faded in their youth  
When life was in its spring;  
Ere time could pleasure pall,  
Or care and sorrow bring.  
They gathered round the hearth,  
A merry group to see;  
And those who loved them best  
Thanked God on bended knee.  
The cricket occupies the hearth  
Round which the children played,  
And sings his mournful song  
Far in the evening shade.  
But this bright group will meet again  
Not on the shores of time,  
But in a better world than ours  
Where angels' harps will chime.

### For the Courier.

Spring, gentle Gales, comes again,  
Bringing gladness in her train;  
Lo, the cold and ragged North  
Has lost his power o'er earth;  
The breezes greet my slong  
With a sweet melodious song,  
All in now with sweetest sigh,  
All is freshness, joy and life.  
The birds their grateful praises sing,  
As they sport on grassy wing;  
All Nature lifts her glad voice,  
And sweetly sings, rejoice, rejoice.  
Bethel, March, 1859. HENRY WILD.

### For the Courier.

Oh, judge not by the outer man,  
The heart beneath it beating!  
For oft with smiles that seem so cold—  
Like flowers and snow-flakes meeting—  
There is a true heart beating.  
A true, warm, noble heart—  
In which the soul like gushes,  
In which Love's light is clear and sweet,  
Like bird song, among the bushes,  
As through air it gushes.  
A star—though hid by dark storm clouds—  
Is still a star—bright shining,  
And—sure it may not light on earth—  
The clouds with silver lining,  
We may not see it shining—  
Yet say not that there is no star,  
Because it now is hidden.  
It soon on us will brightly smile—  
When by its Maker hidden—  
The star which now is hidden.  
Then judge not by the outer man,  
The heart beneath it beating!  
For oft with smiles that seem so cold—  
Like flowers and snow-flakes meeting—  
There is a true heart beating.

A wag was laid on the Yankee peculiarity of answering one question by asking another.

To decide the bet, a downeater was interrogated.

"I want you," said the better, "to give me a straightforward answer to a plain question."

"I kin du it, mister," answered the Yankee.

"Then why is it New Englanders always answer a question by asking one in return?"

"Du they? was Jonathan's reply."

"My dear, what shall we name him?"

"Why, husband, I have settled on the name of Peter."

"Oh, don't," he replied; "I never liked Peter, for he denied his master."

"Well, then," replied the wife, "what name do you like?"

"I should like the name of Joseph."

"Oh, not that," replied she; "I can't bear Joseph, for he denied his mistress."

"Why is your thumb, when putting on a glove, like eternity?"

"Because it is *et er* last in (everlasting)!"

A St Petersburg journal informs the public that the records of the Bastille, supposed to have been irretrievably lost, are now in the Imperial library in that city.

Not less than thirteen thousand lots in Chicago are advertised for non-payment of last year's taxes.

## BETHEL FARMERS' CLUB.

The Farmer's Club was cornered, you say, cornered. Last evening a vote was passed to close the series of meetings by a supper; and a committee, of which your humble servant was the one, was appointed to confer with the ladies in regard to the matter. What was the surprise of the committee to find himself answered only in ugly monosyllables. Finally, they passed a unanimous vote, that, "Inasmuch as the gentlemen have chosen to have their discussions all to themselves, they may have their supper all to themselves." Now if this was not a hard one, I don't know what is. Never did a set of men look sillier. But one of our number, not to be outdone, moved that we have an oyster supper by ourselves; another amended, that each gentleman have the privilege of inviting one lady, or more. So we are in hopes to effect a reconciliation, but only by the penalty of cooking the supper ourselves.

But the richest scene was a moment after the ladies passed their vote. For once in their lives, they kept a profound silence for at least one minute, and your humble servant would have made a fortune if he could have secured a photograph of that company at that time. Such an exhibition of indignant humanity is rarely ever seen. Never does a man appear so small in his own eyes as when in the presence of a triumphant lady, while she seems to be wonderfully magnified, in height. In less than a minute his whole stature will seem shortened a foot.

But I must give a sketch of the different characters at that moment.

First, Mrs. A. assumed an attitude of defiance; Mrs. B. snapped her needles so loud as to be heard over the room; Mrs. C. with a pile of apple parings before her, acted as though she didn't care for the men as long as she could find plenty of apples; Mrs. D. who is good enough on most occasions for any man's wife, showed about the corners of her mouth the most perfect satisfaction at our discomfiture; Mrs. E. assumed an erect attitude like a young lawyer who listens to the judge for the first time. Mrs. F. held her knittingwork motionless in both hands, and like Mrs. Partington, thought it a "most disinterested occasion." Mrs. G. the mover of the plan, showed her pretty little face puffed up with an air of "now help yourself if you can." Mrs. H. snatched her eyes and eyebrows with an additional jerk. Mrs. J. who seconded the motion showed her glaring eyes like that of a catamount when some one has stolen her kittens. Mrs. K. who sat by her side seemed to act as though she liked to rule the men when she could. Mrs. L. was looking right strait at the lamp on the table, perfectly motionless. Mrs. M. gave a slight cough to repress the chuckling going on within. But I must stop, for when a man's eyes become bleared and his hair rigid with fear, he can do but little at description.

It is but just to add, that the unmarried ladies had a conference soon after, and said it was too bad to be deprived of the company of the gentlemen. How the matter will end, KORS VERRONS.

P. S. After going home, I stated my case to my ten's place, but all the satisfaction I received was "served you right." The ladies in some things are all alike.

Jacob Hilderbrander, a German, was arrested in New York on Monday, on suspicion of intention to sell for meat the body of a horse which he had killed and cut up, but on his assurance that he killed the horse for his own use, he was discharged. The man's wife said they had made soup from the horse flesh, which they found very good.

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